

HOUSE No. 710

By Mr. Finegold of Andover, petition of Barry R. Finegold and others relative to the penalties for distributing controlled substances in the vicinity of youth centers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Barry R. Finegold	John W. Scibak
Barbara A. L'Italien	William Lantigua
Robert O'Leary	Walter F. Timilty

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT INCREASING CRIMINAL SANCTIONS FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION NEAR YOUTH CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32J of chapter 94C of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “playground”, in line 7, the following
4 words:— or youth center.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 32J of said chapter 94C, as so
2 appearing, is further amended by inserting after the first sentence
3 the following sentence:— As used in this section, the term “youth
4 center” shall mean a building which houses any organization, the
5 activities of which are funded publicly, privately, or through a
6 non-profit organization, the activities of which are funded pub-
7 licly, privately or through a non-profit organization, that provides
8 after school recreational, educational or social activities primarily
9 for youth in the community.